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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY FOR MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS JAMIESON REGARDING EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO MINIS-
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TER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR DON: I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF
EITHER BEFORE OR DURING THE COMING NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON
YOU WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO SPEAK TO THE TURKS TO ENCOUR-
AGE THEM TO ADOPT A MORE FORTHCOMING POSTURE ON CYPRUS IN
ORDER TO IMPROVE CHANCES FOR A RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL

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NEGOTIATIONS. I CAN APPRECIATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, AS A MAJOR UNFICYP TROOP CONTRIBUTOR, IS CONCERNED AT THE CONTINUING STALEMATE ON CYPRUS AND THE CONSEQUENT CONTINUING NEED FOR A UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND.

3. WE KNOW THAT THE TURKS FEEL THEY HAVE ALREADY GONE A LONG WAY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR FLEXIBILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE IN EARNEST ON CYPRUS. THERE ARE CERTAINLY INDICATIONS THAT THIS IS THE CASE, BUT I HOPE THAT THEY COULD SOMEHOW SEE THAT ALL OF OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED BY SOME ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTIVE STEP OR STATEMENT WHICH WOULD GIVE CONVINCING EVIDENCE TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY THAT THE TURKISH SIDE DOES INDEED WANT TO SETTLE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM

IN A FAIR MANNER AND AT AN EARLY DATE, AND WHICH WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CONVINCE SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM THAT THERE IS INDEED A SOUND BASIS FOR RECONVENING NEGOTIATIONS.

4. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, ALSO SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS NOT TO FORESTALL ALL EARLY NEGOTIATING PROSPECTS BUT TO SEIZE AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MOVE AHEAD. I ALSO HOPE THAT WE CAN HELP TO ENCOURAGE AS POSITIVE AN ATMOSPHERE AS POSSIBLE FOR WHATEVER DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN PRIME MINISTERS ECEVIT AND CARAMANLIS.

5. WE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS, AND YOUR CONFIDENTIAL

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HELP.

6. WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE.
END TEXT. VANCE

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